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TOWN OFFICERS.

Moderator,

STEPHEN C. P. TREFRY.

Town Clerk,

S. BURLEIGH MASON.

Selectmen,

ISAAC S. NOYES,

STEPHEN C. P. TREFRY,

SAMUEL N. LITTLE.

Treasurer,

GILMAN GREENOUGH.

Collector,

CHARLES FERNALD.

Superintending School Committee,

REV. JOHN O. BARROWS.

Auditors,

ISAAC R. HOVEY,

SAMUEL G. CHANDLER,

CHARLES FERNALD.

Constable,

JOHN K. MASON.

Police,

GEORGE P. DOW,

CHARLES FERNALD.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN APRIL 1ST, 1884.

Real estate, resident, value,	\$182,205 00
“ non-resident, “	55,745 00
Number of polls, 126, “	12,600 00
“ horses, 119, “	7,745 00
“ oxen, 22, “	1,245 00
“ cows, 347, “	10,702 00
Other neat stock, 42, “	668 00
Number of sheep, 3, “	12 00
“ hogs, 17, “	175 00
“ carriages, 18, “	1,375 00
Stock in public funds,	15,000 00
Money on hand and at interest	25,975 00
Stock in trade,	8,440 00
Mills, value,	800 00
Total valuation,	\$322,687 00

On which valuation the Selectmen have assessed the following amount:

State tax,	\$628 00
County “	436 74
Town “	800 00
School “	549 50
Percentage,	102 80
Non-resident highway tax,	177 00
School tax, Dist. No. 2,	35 52
“ “ 5,	77 70
Dog tax,	37 00
Unworked highway taxes, 1883,	9 12
Total amount in the Collector's warrant,	\$2,853 38

The Selectmen have received and paid into the treasury the following sums:

State railroad tax,	\$72 50
Savings bank ..	40 08
Literary fund,	33 04
Bounties from State,	4 40
Received from the town clerk, property redeemed, bought by the town,	50 07
Whole amount received,	\$200 09

The Selectmen have given orders on the Treasurer as follows:

SCHOOLS.

District No. 1, Edward N. Greenough,	\$135 00
“ No. 2, Orlaton L. Whittaker,	135 00
“ No. 3, Moses G. Calef,	135 00
“ No. 4, John W. Pettengill,	135 00
“ No. 5, Moses C. Hall,	135 00
• Conley's school tax,	2 05
	\$677 05

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX.

Daniel W. Goodnow, Dist. No. 7,	\$72 75
“ Dist. No. 8,	16 65
Frank W. Emerson, Dist. No. 10,	54 74
John W. Conley, Dist. No. 9,	1 80
Nathan H. Russell, Dist. No. 9,	17 07
John W. S. Cook, Dist. No. 11,	10 31
Non-resident highway receipts,	47 32
	\$220 64

BRIDGES.

Frank W. Emerson, bridge on Providence Hill,	\$ 8 80
Wellman W. Hatch, plank for Hall's bridge,	12 36
	\$21 16

SCHOOL HOUSE TAX.

William C. Noyes, school house tax, Dist. No. 2,	\$34 00
Alonzo J. Hall, " " Dist. No. 5,	75 00
	\$109 00

SNOW BILLS.

D. W. Goodnow, spring of 1884,	\$10 11
Charles Knight, " "	6 30
C. E. Dorman, " "	1 50
Moses B. Stevens, " "	11 60
Daniel Hitchcock, " "	5 05
E. P. Hoitt, " "	18 75
Charles C. Greenough, winter of 1885,	4 58
William F. Knight, spring of 1884, \$4.80 ; winter of 1885,	
\$8.00,	12 80
D. W. Goodnow, Dists. No. 3, 7 and 8,	17 63
George A. Page,	1 29
	\$89 61

MISCELLANEOUS.

S. C. P. Trefry, council fee and car fare,	\$ 3 00
Thompson & Batchelder, books,	2 00
Charles Fernald, collector, property sold for taxes, bought by the town,	49 81
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$54 81

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$54 81
Charles Fernald, land damage,	10 00
Wyman B. Knight, ringing bell,	5 00
Orrin Hall, “	7 50
Cash paid county on woodchucks,	17 80
Mitchell & Hoyt, printing reports,	18 00
Giles Merrill, rent of hall,	30 00
John Little, watering trough,	3 00
George P. Dow, “	3 00
I. S. Noyes, stationery,	2 00
Gilman Greenough, paying state and county tax,	1 50
Charles Fernald, care of hall.	3 00
J. D. P. Wingate, printing check lists,	2 96
D. W. Goodnow, service as surveyor,	15 00
S. N. Little, transient poor,	3 25
	\$176 82

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

On Alfred B. Little's list. 1882.	
Martha Currier,	\$ 34
William Cyr,	1 75
Charles Fernald's list, 1883 and 1884.	
Isaac R. Hovey, highway tax, 1882,	1 13
William H. Card, poll and school tax,	1 05
Edward F. Noyes, poll tax,	1 00
Albion Nason poll and personal property tax,	2 40
Adin E. Poor, poll tax,	1 00
Samuel Smith, poll and school tax,	1 38
David R. Webster, personal property,	3 66
John Birmingham poll and school tax,	92
	\$14 63

TOWN OFFICERS.

Charles Fernald, auditor,	\$1 00
Isaac R. Hovey, “	1 50
John A. McNeil, supervisor,	10 00
William H. Wason, “	6 00
Charles B. Sargent, “ and stationery,	11 25
John O. Barrows, superintending school committee,	20 00
Samuel B. Mason, town clerk,	16 00
Gilman Greenough, treasurer,	15 00
Charles Fernald, on acct. collecting,	35 76
Samuel N. Little, selectman,	28 00
Stephen C. P. Trefry, “	38 00
Isaac S. Noyes, “ and expenses,	60 00
William T. Bragdon, collector, 1883,	30 00
	\$272 51

The Selectmen have also assessed the valuation of the town at the rate of 30 cents on \$100 for the support of highways, and apportioned the money as follows:

District No. 1.—Cyrus F. Noyes,	\$151 12
“ 2.—D. W. Goodnow,	132 24
“ 3.—Charles C. Greenough,	86 06
“ 4.—John A. McNeil,	125 97
“ 5.—William F. Knight,	81 49
“ 6.—George A. Page,	45 70
“ 7.—D. W. Goodnow,	39 94
“ 8.—D. W. Goodnow,	27 75
“ 9.—Nathan H. Russell,	16 80
“ 10.—Frank W. Emerson,	42 92
“ 11.—J. W. S. Cook,	17 89
“ 12.—Leonard B. Gove,	23 15
	\$791 03

 RECAPITULATION.

Amount in collector's warrant,	\$2,853 38	
" received from other sources,	200 09	
		\$3,053 47
Paid on account of schools,	\$677 05	
" " non-resident highway orders,	220 64	
" " bridges,	21 16	
" " snow bills,	89 61	
" " miscellaneous expenses,	176 82	
" " abatement of taxes,	14 63	
" " town officers,	272 51	
" " school house tax, Dist No. 2,	34 00	
" " " " " 5,	75 00	
" " State tax, by treasurer,	628 00	
" " County " "	436 74	
		\$2,646 16
		\$407 31
Amount due from State (bounties),		17 80
Leaving a balance in favor of the town of	\$425 11	
ISAAC S. NOYES, } Selectmen		
S. C. P. TREFRY, } of		
S. N. LITTLE, } Atkinson.		

 COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

The Collector charges himself with:

Amount in warrant,	\$2844 26	
Unworked highway tax of 1883,	9 12	
		\$2,853 38
And credits himself:		
By receipts of treasurer,		2,499 26
Balance in my hands (uncollected),		\$354 12

CHARLES FERNALD, Collector.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer charges himself with:

Cash on hand March 1, 1884,	\$144 89	
“ received from State for bounties,	4 40	
“ “ “ “ railroad tax,	72 51	
“ “ “ “ savings bank tax,	40 08	
“ “ “ “ literary fund,	33 04	
“ “ “ selectmen,	50 07	
“ “ “ collector of 1882,	23 09	
“ “ “ “ Bragdon, 1883,	143 98	
“ “ “ “ Fernald, “	292 03	
“ “ “ “ “ 1884,	2,499 26	
“ “ “ interest on taxes, “	8 15	
		\$3,311 50

He credits himself as follows:

By paying State tax,	\$628 00	
“ County tax,	436 74	
“ selectmen's orders,	1,579 92	
“ town notes,	500 00	
“ interest on debt,	60 00	
		3,204 66
Cash in hands of Treasurer,		\$106 84

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

TOWN LIABILITIES.		
Due on town notes,		\$1,000 00
ASSETS.		
Due from State, bounties,	\$17 80	
" taxes of 1882,	15 77	
" " 1884,	354 12	
Cash in treasury,	106 84	
		494 53
Balance against the town,		\$505 47
Town debt reduced the past year,		400 37

GILMAN GREENOUGH, Treasurer.

The foregoing is a correct statement of the town finances, March 1, 1885, as appears from the books of the Selectmen, Collector and Treasurer. We find the accounts correctly kept and satisfactorily vouched for.

ISAAC R. HOVEY, }
CHARLES FERNALD, } Auditors.

TOWN WARRANT.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

{ L. S. }

To the inhabitants of the Town of Atkinson qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Academy Hall, in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

ART. 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2.—To choose all necessary town officers and agents for the year ensuing.

ART. 3.—To see if the town will vote to choose a Superintendent of Highways for the year ensuing, and have the highway money worked out under his supervision.

ART. 4.—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise, to defray town expenses the year ensuing.

ART. 5.—To see if the town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to hire money, under the direction of the Selectmen, to pay existing debts when called for

ART. 6.—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of highways the ensuing year.

ART. 7.—To see if the town will vote to divide the school money equally among the several school districts.

ART. 8.—To see if the town will vote to have the bell rung the ensuing year.

ART. 9.—To hear the reports of agents, auditors or officers heretofore chosen, and transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 21st day of February, 1885.

ISAAC S. NOYES,	} Selectmen of Atkinson.
STEPHEN C. P. TREFRY,	
SAMUEL N. LITTLE,	

SCHOOL REPORT.

In reporting to the citizens of Atkinson the condition of their public schools for the school year of 1884 and 1885, it becomes my pleasing duty to congratulate the several prudential committees, and the parents and guardians of the scholars attending, on what has been so pleasantly and so successfully accomplished. In general it may be said that the schools have been kept in good order, and that the progress made has been all that could reasonably be expected. The work of three of the teachers employed, has been described in reports of previous years; and, perhaps, it is enough to say that, this year, they maintained the good reputation which they had earned. In regard to the other two, it is a pleasure to report the most happy results of their first attempts at teaching. They achieved a decided success in their respective schools.

It seems, however, to your committee a matter of regret, that the money raised for schools in this town, should not be expended on one graded school of a high order, which should be kept three terms in the year; while some provision be made for the primary scholars, during the summer months, near their homes; but as this matter has often been brought before you, I will not attempt to discuss it in this report.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee, EDWARD N. GREENOUGH.

Teacher, MISS LILLIE E. NOYES.

Two terms of 9 and 12 weeks respectively. Whole number of pupils first term, 12; second 14. Number of scholars in the studies pursued: reading 14, spelling 14, penmanship 8, arithmetic 12, geography 6, grammar 3, English composition 6.

Number of visits to this school; by superintending committee 5, prudential committee none, parents and citizens 18, others 12.

Wages of teacher; first term, \$20; second, \$22; miscellaneous expenses \$9.45; money expended \$11.35; expense per scholar about \$10.00.

This was Miss Noyes' first attempt at teaching and her success was eminently satisfactory. She brought to her school a large share of enthusiasm, and devoted herself with much painstaking assiduity to the improvement of the pupils under her care. All who *would* learn made good progress. At the examination, at the close of the second term, the committee was pleased to notice that care had been taken to instruct the children, as the law requires, respecting the pernicious effects of alcohol and tobacco.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee, O. L. WHITTAKER.

Teacher, MISS MARY E. EATON.

Two terms, the first of 11, and the second of 12 weeks. Whole number of pupils first term 13, second 17. Number of scholars in the studies pursued: reading 17, spelling 17, penmanship 14, arithmetic 17, physiology 1, grammar 2, geography 8, English composition 2, vocal music 17.

Visits to this school: by superintending committee 5, prudential committee none, parents and citizens 25, others 6. Wages paid teacher \$24; miscellaneous expenses \$4.55; no unexpended money; cost per scholar about \$9.50.

In regard to this school, the points to be particularly noticed are good order, the quietness of the pupils and their evident pleasure in their daily tasks. The greater number of them made very commendable progress. At the examination at the close of the second term, their recitations—single pieces and dialogues—were worthy of note.

Miss Eaton has the happy faculty of securing the love and goodwill of her pupils.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential Committee, MOSES G. CALEF.

Teachers, { MISS FRANCES NOYES.
 { MISS ADALINE J. MESSER.

Two terms, the first of 11 weeks, the second 12 1-2. Whole number of pupils first term 21, second 24. Number of scholars in the studies pursued: reading 24, spelling 24, penmanship 21, arithmetic 20, geography 18, grammar 10, history 8, English composition 12, drawing 17, vocal music 24, algebra 2, book-keeping 1.

Visits to this school: by superintending committee 7, prudential committee none, parents 6, citizens 41, others 10. Wages paid \$26; miscellaneous expenses \$8.40; no unexpended money; expense per scholar about \$7.50.

Of the money expended \$31.45 was raised otherwise than by appropriation received from the town.

This school was distinguished by the enthusiasm with which Miss Noyes was able to inspire her pupils. Much good work was done by the greater share of them. Some that had never before given very satisfactory evidence of progress in their studies, really began to try to do something. It should be noticed also, that vocal music was made a specialty and with good success. It was unfortunate that the teacher should have been providentially called away from her work before the close of her second term; but Miss Messer, although entering upon the task under peculiar disadvantages, completed that which had been left unfinished, and succeeded in securing good order, so that at the close, her pupils passed a very creditable examination.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Prudential Committee, J. W. PETTENGILL.

Teacher, MISS NORA B. GREEN.

Two terms of 9 and 13 weeks respectively. Whole number of pupils first term 7, second 9. Number of scholars in the studies pursued: reading 9, spelling 9, penmanship four, arithmetic 6, geography 4, grammar 3.

Visits to this school: by superintending committee 5, prudential committee none, parents and citizens, 19. Wages paid, \$24; miscellaneous expenses \$3.75; remaining unexpended, none; expense per scholar about \$17.

Miss Green succeeded admirably in her school, although young and without previous experience in teaching. The order maintained was perfect, and the recitations showed a thoroughness of preparation quite exceptional. Nearly every scholar made very marked progress.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Prudential Committee, MOSES C. HALL.

Teacher, MISS EMMA F. CHASE.

Two terms, one of 11 and the other of 13 weeks Whole number of scholars, first term 14 second 12 Number of scholars in the studies pursued : reading 14, spelling 14, penmanship 12, arithmetic 11, grammar 5, history 2, English composition 3.

Visits to this school : superintending committee 5, prudential committee none, parents and citizens 35. Wages paid \$23 ; miscellaneous expenses \$4.17 ; unexpended funds \$3.84 ; expenses per scholar about \$11.

In the proper government of this school were involved some difficulties not noticed in the others. One or two scholars by thoughtless, or other behavior, occasioned the teacher no inconsiderable inconvenience ; but Miss Chase labored patiently, and with great fidelity, and was rewarded with a very commendable degree of success.

Of scholars over five years of age, the number attending school in the whole town, has been seventy-five. To this number must be added five children, out of school age. In the opinion of your committee, the sending of children under five years of age, imposes an unnecessary burden upon the teacher, is a positive injury to the school, and of no good to the little wee things, that are thus for a few hours of the day disposed of by being put under the care of somebody else.

The select men of this town reported in 1884, seventy-three school children—thirty-seven males, thirty-six females. None of proper school-age have been reported as attending no school ; neither any persons between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one, who are unable to read and write.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. BARROWS, Supt. Sch. Com.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following pupils were neither absent or tardy during a whole term.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

FIRST TERM.

Nettie A. Mason.

SECOND TERM.

Bertie S. Johnson.
Bennie W. Batchelder.
George H. Mason.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

FIRST TERM.

Wilber W. Smith.
Arthur A. Smith.
Bertie E. Smith.
Florie H. Smith.

SECOND TERM.

Wilbur W. Smith.
Arthur A. Smith.
Bertie E. Smith.
Florie H. Smith.
Adora S. Smith.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

FIRST TERM.

Lizzie F. Barrows.
Fannie S. Barrows.
Lizzie H. Knight.
Mary L. Noyes.
Emma F. Knight.
Frank I. Knight.
Orrin A. Hall.
Eugene L. Marble.
Willie O. Marble.
Harry I. Noyes.
Josiah I. Wright.
Fred N. Knight.

SECOND TERM.

Lizzie F. Barrows.
Mary Abbie Marble.
Mary L. Noyes.
Frank I. Knight.
Eugene L. Marble.
Willie O. Marble.
Walter Scott Noyes.
Josiah I. Wright.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

SECOND TERM.

Anna G. Hoitt.
Bertha L. Hoitt.
Josie M. Cook.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

FIRST TERM.

Augusta A. Birmingham.
Jessie M. Robertson.
Margaret L. Robertson.

SECOND TERM.

Clarence N. Trefry.

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